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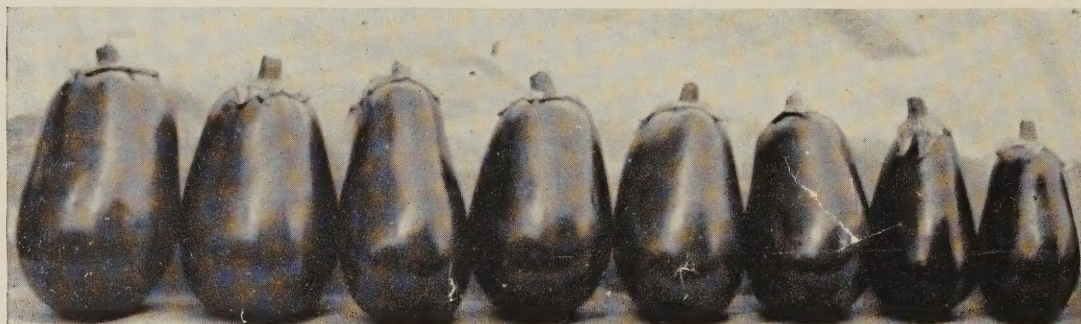
Perfected SNOWBALL

Also Known as
Snowball "X"



This is the best all around cauliflower for home gardeners, as well as market growers. The heads are solid, beautiful in appearance, deep and heavy, snow white and compact. The curd is well protected by leaves that fold close around the head. The best and most reliable variety for a wide range of soil and weather conditions. Pkt. 20c; 1/4 oz. \$1.00; 1/2 oz. \$1.50; oz. \$2.50.

Long Black Beauty Eggplant



Here is something new that will interest you. Several years ago a customer sent me some eggplant seed that was not quite true, but it had the longest and most jet black fruit I have ever seen. I have tried this strain up so that it comes very uniform.

The color is a beautiful jet black; far better than the old Black Beauty, and the fruits are even, long, and slender. It has a much stronger plant and leaf than Black Beauty; being much more robust, plants are tall, and carry the fruit off the ground. However, please keep in mind that this extra vigor makes Long Black Beauty about five days later than the original strain. Am sure you will like the color and shape of this strain. It is a beauty on the market stand. 275 — Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 40c; oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$2.50; 1/2 lb. \$4.50. Postpaid.



I grow all the produce sold at my roadside market, and for a continuous supply of high quality vegetables use Twilley's Seed. Such specialties as Schoon's Hard Shell Bender, Aristogold Corn, and Twilley's Watermelons keep customers coming back. For high germination and true varieties I highly recommend Twilley's Seed. Wm. S. Bradley.

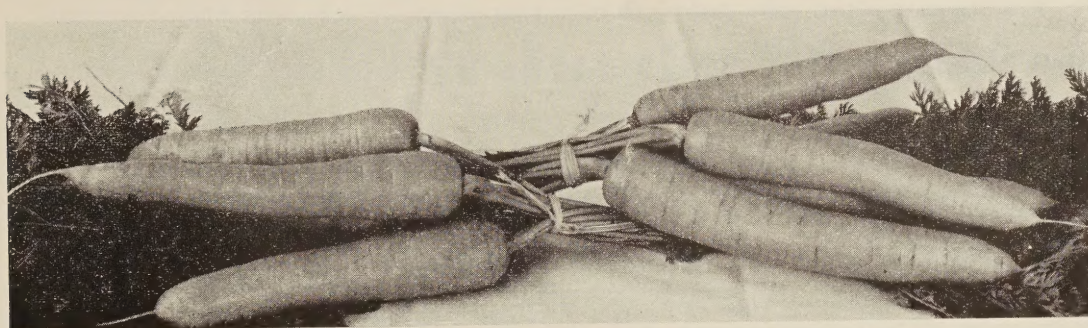
Selected Great Lakes Lettuce



GREAT LAKES (New)—82 days. One of the best "Iceberg" varieties ever introduced. Great Lakes beats the heat, producing large, solid heads even in summer weather; nearly 100 per cent. tipburn resistant, stands longer without bolting than most any other variety. Well adapted to all sections, from the Gulf States to the North and Upper Midwest. Very large, dark green heads, exceptionally firm, and carry well in shipping. Give the large heads plenty of room—about 14 inches in the row. Best adapted for upland.

315—Pkt. 15c; oz. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$1.50; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$2.50; lb. \$4.50.

Morse's Bunching Carrot



Note the slender shape of Morse's Bunching Carrot. It has the best market appearance of all bunch carrots.

77 days. An outstanding long, smooth, handsome bunching carrot. Grows well in any soil suited for good carrot culture. Medium top, but strong enough for bunching. Mature roots reach 8 inches or better, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches at the shoulder. The color of skin and core is deep orange. Excellent eating qualities, smooth roots, free from hair roots and wrinkles. From the photo you can see that for a long carrot it has a good blunt end. For smoothness and market appearance we find this is the finest of them all.

"Enclosed is our check for 20 pounds of Morse's Bunching Carrot. We have used your strain for years and have always grown fine crops." A New York market gardener.

145—Pkt. 10c; oz. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 80c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.30; lb. \$2.25; 5 lbs. \$11.00 Postpaid.

Perfected Detroit Dark Red Beet

SPECIAL STOCK



George Lowe likes Twilley's Perfected Detroit Dark Red under irrigation. Note the erect tops.

60 Days. Perfected Detroit Dark Red has more good qualities than most varieties. Grows 95 percent true to exactly the same shade of very dark red; does not show any white rings. Beets are globe shaped, very smooth and uniform. This strain has a strong, erect top that makes it show up well as a bunch beet. The beets retain their dark color and good quality until fully grown. Unsurpassed for bunching, canning, or long distance shipping. 70—Pkt. 10c; oz. 15c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 30c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c; lb. \$1.40; 5 lbs. \$6.50; 10 lbs. \$12.00. Postpaid.

Marketer Cucumber

Also Known as Early Green Market or New Market



William S. Bradley says: "I have used seed from most of the well known firms, but Twilley's Marketer grows better, makes better quality, and more money for me than any I have ever tried."

NEW VARIETY 69 days. Marketer is a new market cucumber of great merit. It is intense green, with the dark green color running down to the blossom end. The last pickings are as dark green as the early pickings. The fruits grow more uniform in size and shape than most market varieties, a feature that makes it very popular with produce buyers. This variety is a cross between Straight-8, one of the best varieties ever developed for uniform size and smooth fruits, and A & C, one of the best varieties for good color. Marketer has the good points of both these varieties.

HIGH PERCENTAGE OF MARKETABLE FRUITS Marketer produces very few crooks, or culls. This is one of the reasons it is so popular. Fruits grow about 8 inches long, more slender than A & C and Colorado. Many growers report that Marketer seems to withstand intense heat better than some varieties. Marketer sets a large number of new fruits more rapidly after picking season starts than other market varieties. For this reason the early yield is frequently greater than most varieties. Marketer is the leading new variety because of its outstanding merit. We strongly recommend that you try this variety. We treat all our cucumber seed. 225—Pkt. 10c; oz. 35c; ¼ lb. 80c; ½ lb. \$1.50; lb. \$2.75; 5 lbs. \$12.50; 10 lbs. \$23.00. Postpaid.

Santee Cucumber

A New Variety - Outstanding in Many Qualities

69 days. A new variety first offered in 1951. Developed by the South Carolina Experiment Station for high resistance to downy mildew. Santee continues to grow and produce a good crop when other varieties fail with mildew during cool, wet weather.

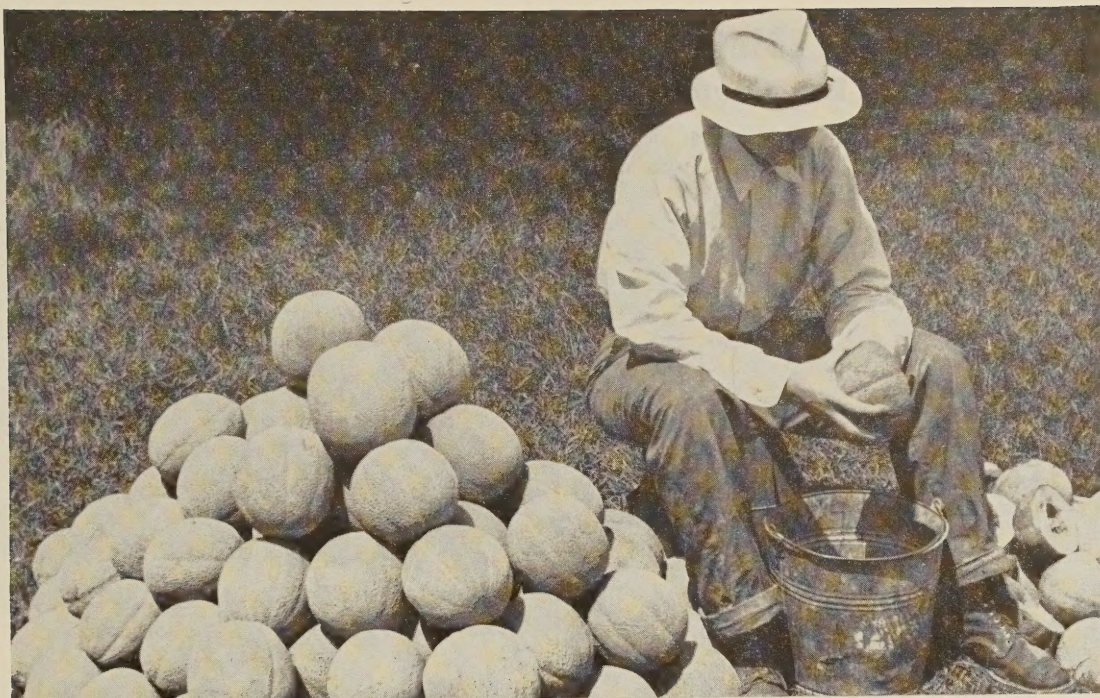
Fancy fruits, 8 to 9 inches long, dark green; closely resembles Marketer. Very few culls. This variety stands drought better than any variety we have ever seen. The leaves stay fresh when other varieties wilt down and the fruits pick dark green all season. Santee has frequently yielded thirty per cent more than other varieties in tests due to its vigor and disease resistance. Our seed crop was a beauty for quality, large perfect fruits, and high yield. Try some Santee for both your early and late plantings. 226—Pkt. 15c; oz. 30c; ¼ lb. \$1.00; ½ lb. \$1.75; lb. \$3.00. Postpaid.

YIELD. Makes higher yields than Marketer in most experiment station variety trials.

MARKET QUALITY. Holds up better in size, color, and market grade at the end of the season than Marketer.

DROUGHT RESISTANCE. The best of any variety we have ever grown. Sun does not fade color of fruits as with some varieties.

We want to state that while Santee starts to pick or mature at the same time as Marketer, it usually does not pick as many fruits the first week or ten days as does Marketer; unless the weather is blistering hot and dry. For this reason you might not take as much money in the first week on a high price market as with Marketer. But Santee has so many good points that many growers are now planting part of their crop to Santee.



Hand saving Twilley's Cantaloupe seed. Note the uniform shape and heavy net.

Hale's Best Jumbo Special

A MONEY MAKER This has always been a money variety ever since its introduction. It is early; it is high yielding, and the largest of the Hales Best varieties. It is a leading roadside variety, very popular for bulk or truck trade. While not as uniform in size and shape as Hales Best No. 936, it is popular where large melons are wanted.

Hales Best Jumbo is rated one of the best shippers, whether crated for long distance, or in bulk for truck trade. Deep colored salmon flesh. High yields is one of the qualities that has put this melon over in a big way with growers. With proper fertility and a good season you will get real size and yield from this variety.

HAND SAVED SEED We offer hand saved seed. This requires more expense, but it is real economy for you. You will like Twilley's Hales Best Jumbo.

353—Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.35; 1 lb. \$2.40 5 lbs. \$11.75; 10 lbs. \$22.00.

Hale's Best Improved No. 936

UNIFORM SHAPE Improved No. 936 is the most uniform large size Hales Best variety yet developed. When you walk into a well grown field of Improved No. 936 you are impressed by the even and uniform shape of the melons. The shape is nearly round or globular. The melons are easy to pack, and make a fine market appearance. This is a jumbo size variety, the size that brings top money.

HEAVY NET Under good growing conditions a perfect net covers all the melon so thick and firm that no ribs or sectors show. The entire surface of the melon is even and smooth. The salmon flesh is very thick and solid, with small seed cavity, excellent uniformity and heavy net. The best shipping melon yet introduced.

HAND SAVED SEED We offer hand saved seed. This method of saving seed is expensive, but is assurance of quality offered in Twilley's Improved No. 936.

354—Pkt. 10c; oz. 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.35; 1 lb. \$2.40 5 lbs. \$11.75; 10 lbs. \$22.50.

Queen of Colorado One of The Best

90 days. An improvement from Pride of Wisconsin, and a cross between Hearts of Gold and Honey Rock. It has the excellent quality of Hearts of Gold and the tough, thick rind of Honey Rock. One of the best all around varieties yet introduced, and the equal of any for flavor and eating quality. Hard, pearl gray rind, sparsely netted, and ripens to a yellowish color. Unusually thick, solid orange flesh. The melons hold up well after picking. A favorite in the Eastern and Central states for those growers wanting superior flavor. Seed is not quite as strong in germination as most varieties. We offer hand cut seed.

355—Pkt. 10c; oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 80c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.45; 1 lb. \$2.50; 5 lbs. \$12.00; 10 lbs. \$23.25.

New Purdue 44 Cantaloupe

An Excellent Disease Resistant Melon

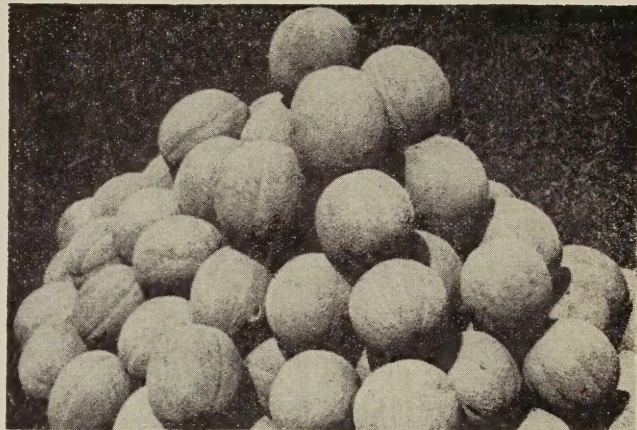
Purdue 44 was developed by the Purdue Agricultural Experiment Station of Indiana. It has great resistance to Alternaria leaf spot, the disease that makes plants "fire at the hill" and lose their leaves when the melons start to ripen. Purdue 44 is highly resistant to this disease.

The melons are uniform in size, nearly round in shape, but not as large as Hales Best 936, being about the size of Hales Best 36. The heavy netting gives the melons a good appearance. A huckster to whom I sold some of these melons said, "The people just swarmed around me when I went back with a second load."

In tests at the Purdue Experiment Station this variety produced as many as 32 per cent more marketable melons in some years when it was on trial.

Our crop held up better and picked longer than most other Hales Best fields in our vicinity. We found Purdue 44 to have excellent quality and good appearance. It is a thick, salmon fleshed melon.

PRICES STOCK SEED—Pkt. 10c; oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.35; lb. \$2.50; 5 lbs. \$11.75. Postpaid.



Culver's Hales Best Jumbo

For over twenty years a melon grower in my county has selected a special strain of Hales Best Jumbo for extra large size, heavy yields, and outstanding vigor.

He has always carefully guarded this strain, but let us have some seed to grow in 1954.

We think you may want to try this special stock. The extra large melons surely make a fancy showing. A very thin green lining next to the rind makes a beautiful interior when cut. It had delicious flavor as grown by us.

PRICES—Pkt. 15c; oz. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$1.00; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.75; lb. \$3.25; 5 lbs. \$15.00. Postpaid.



Delicious (Early Bender)

A new fusarium wilt resistant strain of Delicious, or Early Bender developed by Cornell University. The thicker flesh has better color than the standard Delicious.

83 days. An excellent early variety of delicious flavor. The earliest large sweet melon, somewhat similar to Bender's Surprise but a week earlier. Fruits about 6 inches in diameter, coarse netting, prominent ribs, with salmon flesh, and always sweet and delicious. Recommended for home garden and local markets. 357—Pkt. 10c; oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.35; lb. \$2.50.

Bender's Surprise

90 days. A very fine flavored melon, deep salmon color, extra thick flesh. Large melons with light netting and prominent ribs. The flesh is so thick and firm that the quality actually improves for several days after picking. A favorite in the East and North for home garden and select roadside trade. 358—Pkt. 10c; oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.35; lb. \$2.50.

Hearts of Gold

LARGE TYPE STRAIN

90 days. One of the most popular and widely planted home and market varieties. Noted for its deep golden flesh which is sweet, of the finest quality and distinctly flavored.

We offer the Large Round Type of Morrill Strain which is popular in most sections. Fruits are 6 to 7 inches in size, almost round, and well netted except for a narrow stripe between the ribs.

Growers who are looking for a strain of real merit for commercial planting will like our hand cut Hearts of Gold. The vines are vigorous and productive; the type runs uniform and true to variety.

Year after year Hearts of Gold continues to be one of our best sellers. The taste and good appearance brings back the desire for the same melon. 359—Pkt. 10c; oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.35; lb. \$2.50; 5 lbs. \$11.25.

Congo Watermelon

A New U.S.D.A. Introduction Resistant to Anthracnose



Lawrence Gravenor is pleased with this pile of Twilley's Congo as he harvests a perfect crop.

ORIGIN This excellent new variety was developed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Our stock seed came direct from U.S.D.A.

DISEASE RESISTANCE Congo is definitely resistant to Anthracnose, and the melons remain free from Anthracnose spots when other varieties may be badly diseased. However, Congo is not resistant to fusarium wilt, and should not be planted on wilt infested land.

EXCELLENT SHIPPER Congo has a tough rind, and is superior to most varieties because of less breakage in shipping. The solid, close grained flesh holds up well in transit.

SELECTED SEED All our seed fields are completely isolated from all other varieties, and planted on clean land. We thresh, wash and dry all seed on the same farm where it is grown to prevent any danger of mechanical mixture.

All stock seed is personally selected by me, and I work with my seed saving crews throughout the entire season.

Our crop the past season was the finest we have ever grown. We have good Congo seed ready to ship you. All seed is treated and packed in one pound sealed containers.

GENERAL COMMENTS We have seen Congo make excellent growth in many fields from the North to the Gulf States. Seldom has a new variety become so popular in so short a time. It is the most widely planted variety.

The very firm, dark red flesh grows so solid that "hollow heart" is seldom found in this variety, as the interior seldom cracks in the field or in shipment. The seeds are white when the melons are cut, turning to a tannish white at seed saving time. Congo matures in 90 days.

Congo is a favorite with growers, produce buyers and roadside market operators. It cuts good, tastes good, and sells well.



Hand saving Congo Stock Seed in one of our 1954 seed fields.

Prices: CERTIFIED CONGO — Pkt. 15c; oz. 30c; 1/4 lb. 80c; 1/2 lb. \$1.45; 1 lb. \$2.50; 5 lbs. \$2.40 per lb.; 10 lbs. \$2.30 per lb.; 25 lbs. \$2.25 per lb. Postpaid.

Twilley's Hybrid Sweet Corn



ARISTOGOLD No. 2 HYBRID. This is the largest yellow sweet corn in the high quality group. Ears have 16 to 18 rows, 9 to 10 inches long, with clean stalks 8 feet tall. It has yielded as much as ten tons of snap-ped corn per acre under good conditions, and is resistant to ear worms, smut and hot weather.

But don't let the size mislead you as this corn is strictly first class in flavor and tenderness. For quality, market appearance and high yield this variety has pleased our customers everywhere.

Drexel Bradley (left) and Merrill Culver (right) are young neighbors of mine who were the 1948 4-H Club Vegetable Champions of Maryland. They are in a field of Twilley's Aristogold grown in 1949 by Mr. Bradley. This variety grew perfectly during the driest season in 26 years. The crop was sold thru Mr. Bradley's roadside market, and his customers thought the corn "simply wonderful." We receive many nice letters about

Aristogold. Matures in 86 days. Be sure to plant some of this outstanding variety.

"Twilley's Aristogold is the best hybrid I have ever planted. Every year it has done better under unfavorable conditions than any corn I have grown."—Alex Petersen, Alabama.

"Last year Twilley's Aristogold was the outstanding hybrid sweet corn in Eastern North Carolina. You will sell a lot of seed in this section next year."—A North Carolina Produce dealer.

"Our growers have 80 acres of Aristogold ready to harvest. It is far ahead in appearance and yield of the other varieties. Please book us 5000 pounds for the coming season."—Farmers Exchange, Fla.

Pkt. 10c; 1/2 lb. 45c; lb. 80c; 5 lbs. \$3.75; 10 lbs. \$7.00; 25 lbs. \$16.25; 100 lbs. \$60.00. Postpaid.

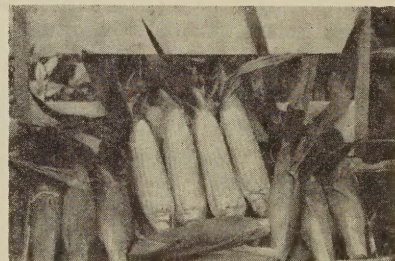
TREATED SEED—All Twilley's Sweet Corn is treated with Speragon. This is the best we have ever used. It is an excellent help in securing a better stand. We treat all seed we send out of every crop.

IOCHIEF — 84 days. Originated at Iowa State College. Enormous yielder. Large ears, 7 to 8 inches long, 16 rows of exceptionally deep yellow kernels of superior flavor. Harvets a long time without getting flinty. One of the top hybrids for excellent performance. Good for home and market. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 lb. 40c; lb. 75c; 5 lbs. \$3.50; 10 lbs. \$6.90; 25 lbs. \$16.50; 50 lbs. \$32.50; 100 lbs. \$60.00.

GOLDEN SECURITY (New) — 82 days. Don't pass up this new corn. We have observed Golden Security from Florida to New England; it makes quality and high yields everywhere. Time after time growers report it makes exceptionally heavy yields, and is a large, two eared variety on good soil under good conditions. Ears 8 to 8 1/2 inches long, 14 to 16 rows, exceptionally well filled at the tip. Deep, bright yellow kernels of excellent quality. Makes a handsome husked ear. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 lb. 45c; lb. 80c; 5 lbs. \$3.75; 10 lbs. \$7.50; 25 lbs. \$17.50; 30 lbs. \$39.00; 100 lbs. \$67.00. Postpaid.

ARISTOGOLD BANTAM EVERGREEN—86 days. One of the most widely grown and important large yellow hybrids. Year after year this variety has been first in experiment station trials in many states from the South right up to the Great Lakes.

It has proved to be highly resistant to bacterial wilt, smut, and the long husks afford considerable protection from ear worms. The sturdy, clean stalks grow 8 feet tall under good conditions. Ears 8 1/2 to 10 inches long, with up to 18 rows of deep yellow kernels. Excellent quality that keeps both retail and wholesale trade coming back for more. Just about one of the very best for standing dry weather, also one of the best for irrigation. A big corn that has real vigor, large size, attractive ear appearance, and good quality. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 lb. 45c; lb. 80c; 5 lbs. \$3.75; 10 lbs. \$7.00; 25 lbs. \$16.25; 50 lbs. \$31.00; 100 lbs. \$60.00. Postpaid.



SENECA DAWN EARLIEST QUALITY HYBRID

63 days. One of the earliest of all quality sweet corn hybrids. Very uniform and highly productive. Stalks 4 1/2 feet tall, very erect growing. Ears 6 1/4 inches long, 12 to 14 rows, with medium deep, golden yellow kernels. Good quality. A winner in many yield trials. Husks give good ear coverage. More resistant to wilt than most early hybrids. Good for all parts of the United States. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 lb. 45c; lb. 80c; 5 lbs. \$3.75; 10 lbs. \$7.50; 50 lbs. \$34.00. Postpaid.

Hoosier Black New

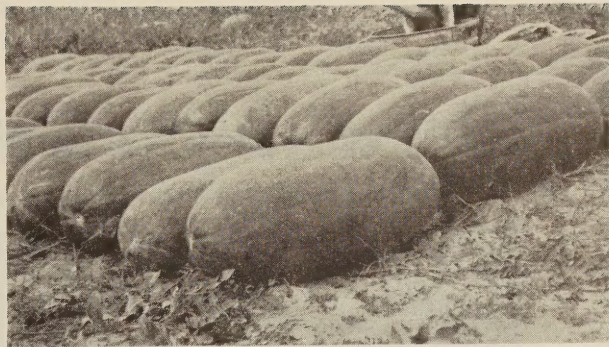
Also Known As DeLisle Sweetheart

One of our Indiana customers sent us a sample of melon seed with this description. "This is a long, black melon with no jug necks, and is the best in eating quality, with a solid heart. The melons average 35 to 38 pounds, and are 100% wilt resistant.

The seed has very strong germination, and the melons can be shipped any distance. It ripens with Hawkesbury, and is very heavy yielder."

This year all the nearby folks came to look at our seed crop. For appearance, quality and high yield this is one of the finest melons we have ever grown. The heart is solid and juicy from the start to the end of the season. The flavor is excellent. Seldom do you ever find a misshapen melon. The long melons, evenly shaped from stem to blossom end, are a bluish, black color. And our yield was very heavy. Small, white seeds, with strong germination. We have not tested this melon for wilt resistant so cannot report from actual experience on this characteristic. But for tops in yield, good shape, and excellent quality this is one of the best as grown by us this season. It is no wonder that it is very popular where it is known and grown.

PRICES—Pkt. 10c; Oz. 20c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 65c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.15; 1 lb. \$2.00; 5 lbs. \$9.90; 10 lbs. \$19.00.



Mardela Ice Box Watermelon New



This variety has been grown for several years in my home county. It apparently developed from a round melon, and makes three sizes as the photo shows. Approximately 6 to 7; 7 to 9, and 10 to 11 inches.

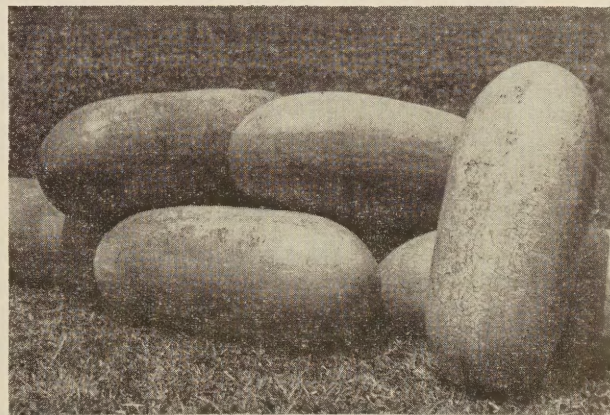
The quality is excellent. Oscar Holloway, a melon buyer for 25 years says, "This is the sweetest melon I have ever eaten." Has a much tougher rind and far better flavor than New Hampshire Midget, and keeps its quality as long as large melons. Bright red, solid flesh. Black seeds. Dark green rind. Early, matures in about 70 days. A very heavy yielder. Popular with roadside markets in this section because the quality brings customers back. Sells in our nearby large cities as restaurants and hotels like the small size and high quality. Hand saved, treated seed.

PRICES— Pkt. 15c; Oz. 40c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$1.15; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$2.00; 1 lb. \$3.50; 5 lbs. \$16.25; 10 lbs. \$30.00. Postpaid.

Wilt Resistant Charleston Gray New

This new variety was released in 1954 by the USDA Vegetable Seed Breeding Laboratory at Charleston, S.C. It has high resistance to fusarium wilt, to anthracnose and sunburn. Our crop withstood sunburn and hot weather better than any variety we have ever grown; it is almost "sunburn proof."

It has superior shape, running very even from stem to blossom end, so it is ideal for tight loading and ships well. Little decay in shipment due to anthracnose resistance. It is a high yielder, and relatively free from hollow heart, white heart and gourdnecks. The greenish grey rind is rather thin, but very hard. The very firm, dark red flesh is superior in texture, sweetness and flavor. Black seeds. Melons grow over 50 pounds, but the small melons have the same good shape and quality as the large ones. This new melon will be planted by many growers in 1955. Certified treated seed.



PRICES—Pkt. 15c; Oz. 50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$1.40; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$2.60; 1 lb. \$5.00; 5 lbs. \$24.50; 10 lbs. \$48.50. Postpaid.

Twilley's Selected Rutgers

One of The Finest Strains Offered Tomato Growers



Twilley's Selected Rutgers picked for seed from one of our Certified Seed Fields.

LARGE SIZE

You will like Twilley's Selected Rutgers. The globe shape fruits are much larger than other globe varieties. For nearly ten years we have selected for large size. For this reason Twilley's Rutgers continues to hold up in size throughout the picking season, instead of running down in size like other varieties.

HEAVY CROWN SET

The crown set is heavy. An Experiment Station reported Twilley's Rutgers ripened more early fruits than any other strain of Rutgers in trial, and still produced a larger yield than any other strains.

VIGOROUS PLANTS

The vines are vigorous and strong, holding up until the end of the season, and therefore produce larger yields of better quality fruit than most varieties. Tomato growers in all sections, and on every kind of tomato soil, have always liked Twilley's Rutgers because of its ability to grow well and produce large yields. Photos and descriptions of outstanding tomato crops grown from Twilley's Seed have appeared in farm papers. 673—Pkt. 10c; 1/2 oz. 50c; oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$2.25; 1/2 lb. \$4.00; lb. \$7.50.

Yellow SUNRAY

A New Orange
Wilt Resistant Tomato

80 days. The best yellow tomato ever developed. Originated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Resistant to fusarium wilt, and of such fine flavor that every garden should have a row. Very mild flavor. Excellent when served alone, or with red varieties. My tomato pickers say it is the best of all to eat in the fields when they pick for seed.

Large, perfect globe fruits, free from cracks, and more solid than any red variety we grow. If you have never grown any of the yellow varieties you should try Sunray for eating raw, and for salads. It is a beautiful tomato, turning from yellow to orange when fully ripe, and truly delicious. 675—Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 55c; oz. 90c.

Stokescross No. 5 Hybrid Tomato

A New Hybrid of Great Importance - First Offered in 1950

This new hybrid has amazing vigor. Production increases up to 30% are not unusual. Tested in all parts of the United States, it has proved to be one of the strongest cropping tomatoes ever introduced. Matures 10 days earlier than Rutgers; has a long, strong harvest of nearly crack free, highly colored, rich flavored, 6 ounce, globe fruits. Equally adapted for processing or a market strain. Good foliage, can be staked. We believe you will report this hybrid to out produce and out sell any tomato you have ever grown.

PRICES—Garden Packet (approx. 200 seeds) 50c; Trade Pkt. (approx. 500 seeds) \$1.00; 1/2 Oz. \$2.75; Oz. \$5.00. Postpaid.

"I Grew Up With Tomato Seed"



Selecting The Best Strains In Twilley's Tomato Trials

When I was fourteen my father gave me an acre of land. "Make and save all you can," he said. "You must learn how to make a dollar."

I planted tomatoes, but most of the crop died before harvest. From the Maryland Experiment Station I learned Fusarium wilt had ruined my crop. The next spring I secured some wilt resistant tomato seed developed by the Station.

My neighbors liked the new tomato variety. "Will you sell us seed?" they asked. I did, and started in the seed business. Growing tomato seed paid my way thru the Maryland Agricultural College. I continued to farm with my father, growing more tomato seed. Orders began to come from distant states, and I started to print a catalog. Yes, all this business grew out of a single package of tomato seed.

GROTHEN'S RED GLOBE CERTIFIED — 70 days. An early maturing, variety, much like Break O'Day, but larger. Very popular in the South for shipping. The core ripens slowly, and the heavy walls make it a very solid shipper. Open foliage, color and size like Marglobe, but a week earlier. 659—Pkt. 10c; 1/2 oz. 50c; oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$2.25; 1/2 lb. \$3.75; lb. \$7.25.

WILT RESISTANT GROTHEN GLOBE.—A strain of Grothen Globe that is resistant to fusarium wilt and used where this disease is a problem. Prices: Pkt. 15c; Oz. 80c; 1/4 lb. \$2.50; 1/2 lb. \$4.00; lb. \$8.00. Postpaid.

FIRESTEEL—62 days. Produces remarkably large fruits for a very early variety. Firesteel sets very heavy crops in hot, dry weather when other varieties drop their blossoms. Smooth, globe, bright scarlet fruits. Has a small vine, and may be planted close in the row. 672—Pkt. 10c; 1/2 oz. 40c; oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$2.25; 1/2 lb. \$3.75; lb. \$6.75.

Indark Tomato - New Wilt Resistant

Has Greater Wilt Resistance Than Most Varieties

A new variety offered for the first time in 1955. Developed by Dr. Victor Watts of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station. Because of the extensive assistance of the Indiana Agricultural Station in testing this variety, Dr. Watts named it Indark in joint tribute to Arkansas and Indiana.

Indark is highly resistant to fusarium wilt. No wilt symptoms have ever been seen in Indark, even on soils so badly infested that Rutgers failed to ripen any fruit. Indark makes vigorous growth and produces larger tomatoes than Rutgers. The fruits are nearly round in shape; very meaty, ripen from inside out to a rich red color, and are relatively free from cracking. Season of maturity is with, or slightly earlier than Rutgers. Indark has produced more fruit of No. 1 Grade in trials than Rutgers. We offer hand saved seed from our 1954 crop.

Prices—Pkt. 20c; 1/2 oz. 60c; oz. \$1.00; 1/4 lb. \$3.50; 1/2 lb. \$6.25; lb. \$12.00. Postpaid.

Wisconsin 55 Tomato.

A Great Midwest Tomato - Grows Well Everywhere

This new variety, developed by the Wisconsin Experiment Station is one of the best we have ever grown. It has vigor, earliness, high yield, pretty globe fruits, and real color.

Wisconsin 55 was produced from crosses made with John Baer, Del Monte, Early Baltimore and Redskin. This double cross has produced a new variety of real merit. The fruits average much larger than John Baer, Bonny Best and Stokesdale. It has some wilt resistance. The mature fruits are deep globe, firm, with small core, and quite free from growth cracks. One of the best for canning.

Under Midwest conditions Wisconsin 55 begins to ripen in 70 to 80 days after transplanting to the field. Vine growth is large, quite open, and bears profusely until frost. Hand Saved Seed. 660—Pkt. 15c; 1/2 Oz. 40c; Oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$2.25. Postpaid.

Certified Valiant Tomato

We have been growing tomato seed for thirty years, and in that time have had most of the so called earliest varieties in our trials. It is our opinion that Valiant is the best all around earliest tomato yet introduced. Some seed houses list it as being as early as Earlina. Actually it is about three days later, but the fruits are very deep globe, very smooth, firm, and of good interior structure. The fruits grow larger than any other extra early variety, often as large as Marglobe.

Like all extra early varieties the foliage is sparse. It may be trained to stakes.

Valiant is a most profitable early variety.



Improved Valiant

674 IMPROVED VALIANT (Certified)—Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 40c; Oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$2.50; 1/2 lb. \$4.25; 1 lb. \$8.00. Postpaid.

New Selection Early Rutgers Tomato

This strain is popular with many growers in all parts of the country. Many seed houses list Early Rutgers as ten days earlier than regular Rutgers. This is unusual in most seasons, but it does usually reach the height of its picking season about five days earlier. The vine growth is strong; the fruits are identical in size and shape to Rutgers. It is especially valuable in northern sections and for the early later markets. A high yielder with deep globe fruits of excellent interior and exterior color.

EARLY RUTGERS—Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 50c; Oz. 90c; 1/4 lb. \$2.75; 1/2 lb. \$5.00; 1 lb. \$9.00; 5 lbs. \$42.50.

Wilt Resistant Homestead Tomato New



Homestead was released in 1952 by the Vegetable Seed Breeding Laboratory of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Charleston, S. C. It has high resistance to fusarium wilt. Matures slightly earlier than Rutgers. The fruits average slightly larger than Rutgers, and show the same shape and color. The vines are not quite as large as Rutgers, and are semi indeterminate in growth.

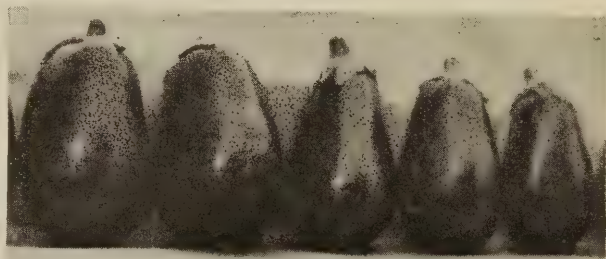
Homestead has met with great favor in the lower Gulf States as a shipping variety. Southern growers find it to be wilt resistant, and like its comparative freedom from internal browning and puffiness. The shoulders are lighter green in color at the green wrap stage. It has proved to be a superior shipping variety for the lower South, and is now one of our leading varieties.

PRICES—Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 40c; Oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$2.50; 1/2 lb. \$4.25; 1 lb. \$8.00; 5 lbs. \$39.50.

Florida Market Eggplant (Cook Strain)

Florida Market is a new variety developed by the Florida Experiment Station. It is resistant to phoma rot (phomopsis blight and fruit rot). An erect, medium high bush variety. The fruits are like Fort Myers, but slightly more slender, smooth and very glossy.

Our 1954 crop was absolutely free of rot, and the quality and yield the best we ever grew. We grow the Cook strain that is highly regarded among eggplant growers. We offer hand saved, treated seed.



PRICES—Pkt. 15c; Oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$2.25; 1/2 lb. \$3.75; 1 lb. \$6.75; 5 lbs. \$31.25. Postpaid.

Wonder Giant Pepper

"Twilley's Wonder Giant made the best yield, and had the finest shaped fruit of any strain I have ever grown of this variety." A Hillsborough County grower."



This new variety is becoming very popular with southern growers. Produce buyers also like the fine pack it makes. Large, blocky, four lobed fruits make this the finest of the Florida Giant type.

The plants are vigorous, tall and highly productive with abundant foliage. The large fruits, mostly four lobed, have very thick flesh. When picked green the fruits are an intense deep glossy green. This deep glossy shade makes Wonder Giant show up to decided advantage when offered for market.

Growers who want an outstanding strain of Wonder Giant will find our strain all that can be desired of this variety. We offer hand saved seed grown and carefully saved under the most ideal conditions.

Prices: WONDER GIANT—Pkt. 15c; Oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$2.25; 1/2 lb. \$4.00; 1 lb. \$7.00. Postpaid.

Yolo Wonder Pepper

New, Mosaic Resistant

A California Wonder type that has done exceptionally well in southern trial plantings. High yields due to comparative freedom from mosaic, and high percentage of marketable fruits have made it well liked by those southern growers trying out this new variety. Plants are compact with deep green large leaves which afford adequate protection against sunburn. The fruiting habit is pendent, thus reducing loss due to sunburn. Fruits are more blocky and later than California Wonder.



PRICES: Yolo Wonder—Pkt. 15c; Oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$2.25; 1/2 lb. \$4.00; 1 lb. \$7.00. Postpaid.

Selected Florida Giant Pepper

We have selected this variety with great care. Proof that we have done well are the increased sales we make every season in the important pepper growing sections. Our last supply of Selected Florida Giant was sold out before the planting season was half over.

Growers who want an extra nice strain of this variety will find it in Twilley's Selected Florida Giant. This pepper produces a big crop of large, heavy fruits over a long period. The shape and quality of the fruits are just what both the grower and produce dealer want; extra thick walls, large size and heavy weight.



We have selected for a strong plant that grows compact and upright. We have our pepper seed fields on isolated farms so there is no danger of mixture. The seed is saved by hand, and cleaned and dried under the most ideal conditions.

Prices: Pkt. 15c; Oz. 70c; 1/4 lb. \$2.20; 1/2 lb. \$3.90; 1 lb. \$6.80. Postpaid.

Hand Saved California Wonder

ONE OF OUR BEST PEPPER STRAINS

For growers who want something better than is usually offered, we can supply a limited quantity of Hand Saved California Wonder Seed.

- Seed saved only from true type plants.

- Each plant must have good foliage and proper type fruits.

- Strong germination.

- This seed is saved on the same farm where the ripe peppers are picked, and as only one variety is grown on each farm, there is no chance for mixture.

To get the best quality that experience and care can produce, try this Hand Saved California Wonder. We believe you will like it, and for the care that goes into producing this seed, the price is very reasonable.

530. HAND SAVED CALIFORNIA WONDER—Pkt. 10c; 1/2 oz. 45c; oz. 80c; 1/4 lb. \$3.00; 1/2 lb. \$5.50; 1 lb. \$10.00. Postpaid.



Penn Wonder (New) EXTRA EARLY VARIETY



60 days. Developed at Penn State College by crossing Harris Earliest and California Wonder. As early as Harris Earliest, with the size and thick flesh of California Wonder. Two weeks earlier than California Wonder.

The plants are vigorous. Every year our fields have consistently made high yields when some other varieties made poor crops. Produces ripe fruits in rapid succession after picking season starts. Heavy, blocky fruits, two to four lobes; shape similar to California Wonder.

Earlier than Oakview Wonder and usually a more sure cropper than other early varieties. We recommend you try Penn Wonder. **531. HAND SAVED SEED.** Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 45c; oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$3.00; 1/2 lb. \$5.50; 1 lb. \$10.00.

ILLINOIS F5 (NEW)



65 days. An improved Worldbeater type developed at the University of Illinois. The same season as Oakview Wonder. Plants like Worldbeater, but more compact. Fruits are Worldbeater shape, but slightly longer, mostly 3 or 4 lobed. Slightly darker color than Worldbeater. Very productive and bears peppers continuously, even during warm summer seasons.

Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 45c; oz. 80c; 1/4 lb. \$3.00; 1/2 lb. \$5.50; 1 lb. \$10.00. Postpaid.

OAKVIEW WONDER

63 days. One of the best pepper varieties. Earlier and more productive than California in areas of short seasons. Vigorous, prolific, stocky plants. Blocky fruits with thick walls. Similar in shape to California Wonder; four lobes. A very attractive pepper, and of great merit for home garden and market. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 45c; oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$3.00; 1/2 lb. \$5.50; 1 lb. \$10.00.

CALWONDER

63 days. Also known as Early California Wonder. An early strain to grow in sections where the original variety is too late. Prolific, vigorous plants; lower in height than regular California Wonder. A heavy cropper, quality like California Wonder. **534** —Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 45c; oz. 75c; 1/4 lb. \$3.00; 1/2 lb. \$5.50; 1 lb. \$10.00.

Schoon's Hard Shell Bender

A Good New Variety

A cross between Bender's Surprise and Honey Rock. The shape and appearance of the melons are Queen of Colorado, but are larger in size. Benders Surprise has always been famous for its large size and excellent quality, but does not have good shipping qualities. This new variety, Schoon's Hard Shell Bender, has even better eating quality than Bender's Surprise and is a very good shipping variety.

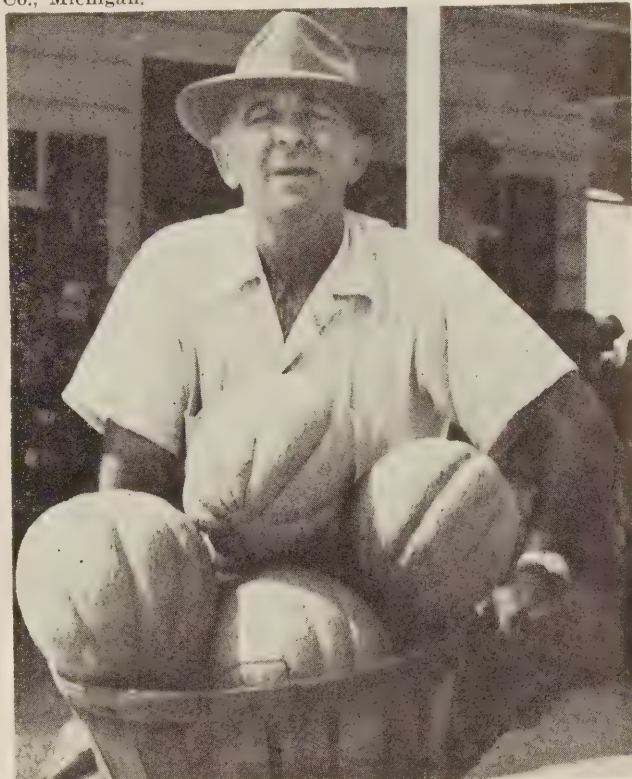
EXTRA LARGE SIZE Under good conditions the melons weigh 5 to 7 lbs. and measure 8 by 7 inches. We do not consider it as uniform in size as other varieties we offer, but it packs well.

GOOD SHIPPER Observe that this variety has a heavy, hard net. The rind is thin, but hard and tough. It has excellent keeping qualities, making it a good shipper. I live in one of the largest melon growing sections of the United States, and growers find this a money variety because of its large size and good market quality. The flesh is very thick, deep salmon in color, and makes a fine appearance when cut.

Many seed firms list this variety as maturing with the Hales Best varieties, but it actually matures about 5 to 7 days later. If you sell locally your customers will like the quality; if you ship your commission man will like the quality and appearance; if you sell to bulk trade the buyers will like the large size and quality.

HAND SAVED SEED. 350—Pkt. 10c; oz. 30c; ¼ lb. 80c; ½ lb. \$1.50; 1 lb. \$2.50; 5 lbs. \$12.00.

"You have a fine strain of Schoon's Hard Shell that is uniform in size, shape and has quality. They were all Schoon's no other varieties mixed in. The vines were vigorous and productive. In average weather the ripe fruits will hold up well for a week in good condition."—Loron M. Walker, Calhoun Co., Michigan.



Schoon's Hard Shell Bender has a hard, tough rind, with deep heavy netting. The melons make a fine appearance.

ROCK O'HONEY CANTALOUPE

85 days. Very similar to Honey Rock, but with a slightly heavier net, and more noticeable "button" at the blossom end. The thick salmon flesh is a bit better quality than Honey Rock.

The introducer describes Rock O' Honey as follows: "It is an improved Honey Rock, and is distinctly superior in several respects. The fruits will average 5 inches across and 7 inches long, well covered with a coarse netting. The flesh is much deeper than Honey Rock. Rock O' Honey has a high percentage of female flowers. This allows more fruits to set, and this is undoubtedly the most productive strain.

PRICES—Pkt. 15c; oz. 35c; ¼ lb. 90c; ½ lb. \$1.50; lb. \$2.75; 5 lbs. \$12.75. Postpaid.

Iroquois WILT RESISTANT

90 days. An early Bender or Delicious type with definite resistance to Fusarium Wilt, developed by Dr. Henry Munger of Cornell University. Will grow in sections where wilt destroys most varieties, and has such fine quality and sweetness that it is excellent wherever Early Bender is grown. Fruits are round to oval, about 6½ to 7 inches in diameter, with prominent ribs and coarse netting.

The rind is tough like Schoon's Hard Shell Bender, and the melons hold up well. Deep orange flesh, of fine texture and excellent quality. 351—Pkt. 10c; oz. 30c; ¼ lb. 80c; ½ lb. \$1.45; lb. \$2.60; 5 lbs. \$12.50.

Honey Rock GOOD QUALITY

85 days. Also widely known as Sugar Rock. As the name indicates this is a very sweet melon. One of the very best for home use and roadside markets. Very early, not inclined to crack when ripe; has a tough rind, and is coarsely netted.

The fruits are round, medium size, 5 to 6 inches in diameter, deep salmon color, juicy and the very tops in eating quality. You will like Honey Rock, and your roadside customers will come back for more. 352—Pkt. 10c; oz. 30c; ¼ lb. 75c; ½ lb. \$1.35; lb. \$2.50; 5 lbs. \$12.00.

Wilt Resistant Fairfax (*Certified*)

Also Resistant to Anthracnose



Frank Adkins is proud of his watermelon crop grown from Twilley's Certified Seed.

for other long melons. Growers have been impressed by its productivity and dependable qualities. We are sure you will like Fairfax. The flesh has the solidness of Congo, and all growers wanting a disease resistant variety will certainly want to give Fairfax a trial. It grows to large size, and shows up well in the large markets and at roadside stands.

Fairfax, offered the first time in 1953, was developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is the first variety ever introduced that is both wilt resistant and anthracnose resistant.

Melons are like Garrison in shape and color, with a harder rind, and sharper contrast in the two shades of green. White seeds with black tips. Ripens with Garrison, and slightly earlier than Congo. It seems free of hollow heart. The eating quality is excellent.

Shipping tests conducted over wide areas show that Fairfax carries with less damage than the average

400. Pkt. 15c; oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.40; 1 lb. \$2.60; 5 lbs. \$2.50 per lb. Postpaid.

New Hampshire Midget Ice Box

The Cantaloupe Size Watermelon

The leading "Ice Box" watermelon over most of the country today. It is making real money for the growers in my section, one of the large producing areas in America. Growers truck New Hampshire Midget to the large city markets in bushel hampers, or crates. And it is taking like "hot cakes" at road side markets.

Ripens two weeks earlier than the large varieties, in about 70 days. Attractive, green striped color. Just the size for the housewife and small children to pick up and take home. Can be planted as close as cantaloupes; sets heavily, so under good conditions is a very heavy yielder. Small, black seeds. Usually listed as growing about six by five inches in size, but with us many melons grow very much larger. Eats good. Looks attractive on the market stand. Just one word of advice about this variety; pick just as soon as ripe; and don't keep unsold melons on your market stand longer than two or three days.



401. Pkt. 15c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 90c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.60; 1 lb. \$3.00; 5 lbs. \$2.95 per lb.; 10 lbs. \$2.90 per lb. Postpaid.

Wilt Resistant Blacklee

"Your Blacklee is the purest strain I have ever grown."—A. B. Watson



Miss Ruth Morris, secretary to one of the largest produce shippers in Maryland, gives her smiling approval of Twilley's Blacklee.

We wish to offer one suggestion about this variety. It keeps a dark green velvety appearance even when first ripe, and the curl on the stem does not dry up when the melons first ripen. Therefore, keep a close watch to cut when the first melons are ready for market.

385. Certified BLACKLEE—Pkt. 10c; Oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 80c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.50; 1 lb. \$2.40; 5 lbs. \$2.25 per lb.; 10 lbs. \$2.10 per lb. Postpaid.

Wilt Resistant Hawkesbury

I have always done well with Twilley's Hawkesberry." R. T. Daviess Co.

We liked Hawkesbury the first time we grew this variety, for it certainly has real vigor. In our opinion Irish Grey, Thurmond Grey, Burrell Grey and other varieties of this type should be discarded in favor of Hawkesbury if you are troubled with wilt. Wilt Resistant Hawkesbury has proved its ability to grow and produce large crops on wilt infected land where all other varieties die. One of the best wilt resistant varieties yet introduced.

The grower shown in this photo writes, "The largest produce dealer in this section bought my Twilley's Hawkesbury under government inspection. The inspector said my melons graded better, and were more free of disease than any melons purchased the entire season." Good eating, black seeds.

386. Ounce 20c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 60c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.10; 1 lb. \$2.00; 2 lbs. \$1.95 per lb.; 5 lbs. \$1.90 per lb.; 10 lbs. \$1.85 per lb. Postpaid.



Donald Wilbur is proud of this load of Twilley's Hawkesbury.

Twilley's Wilt Resistant Garrison

Better Shape Than Garrison — More Solid Than Garrison — Ships Better Than Garrison

ORIGIN This new melon is a Garrison and Hawkesbury cross, the result of eleven years crossing and selection. It has Garrison shape and color; the bright red meat and brown seeds of Hawkesbury; and Garrison flavor and quality. In appearance and all around quality it is better than either parent.

389. Pkt. 15c; oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.40; 1 lb. \$2.50; 5 lbs. \$2.40 per lb.; 10 lbs. \$2.25 per lb.; 25 lbs. \$2.00 per lb. Postpaid.

Certified Florida Giant Watermelon

Also Known as Cannonball, Black Diamond, Texas Giant, Clara Lee



This photo was made in one of our 1954 seed fields. Twilley's Certified Florida Giant Produces Large Attractive Melons. Note This Pile of Melons Is Just What Buyers Want In Good Shape and Uniform Size.

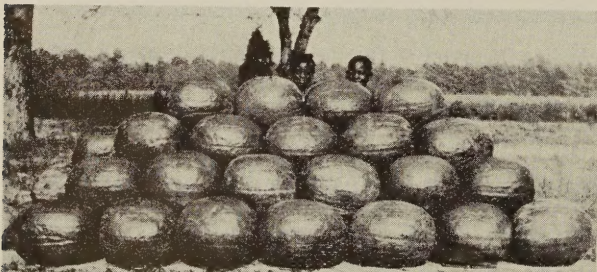
This is the leading melon in most of the large growing sections because of its ability to produce exceptionally heavy yields of choice melons.

The shape is nearly round, with blunt ends. The rind is medium thick, very tough, and therefore loads and ships with the best. When growing conditions are favorable this is one of the "whoppers" for size among market melons. Customers frequently send us reports of solid car and truckloads that average fifty pounds and better.

The large size, glossy dark green rind with bluish bloom, and deep red, crisp tender flesh, make Florida Giant one of the most "showy" melons of the market types.

FLORIDA GIANT IS ONE OF OUR SPECIALITIES

For years we have sold Florida Giant to melon growers from Florida and Texas to the Midwest. Our soil seems just right for this variety as year after year we grow good seed crops of Florida Giant. And we select for good shape and vigor as shown in the photo, also notice the clean, healthy vines.



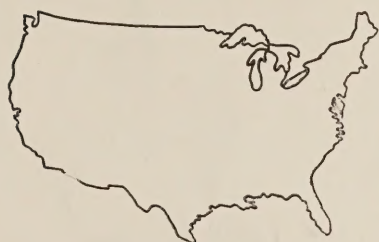
The children of one of the farm hands are proud of this selection of stock seed of Florida Giant.

Our best customers in the Florida Giant trade are those who plant large acreages, and want dependable seed. Last season a leading grower in one of the Gulf States said to our salesman, "I have observed Twilley's Certified Florida Giant all over the state, and know it holds its own against any seed." While another old established grower said, "I could have paid \$10.00 a pound for Twilley's Florida Giant against the other seed I used free of charge."

All our seed fields are completely isolated, and all seed is saved under our direct supervision. Twilley Certified Florida Giant is treated and packed in sealed containers.

Prices: Pkt. 10c; oz. 20c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 80c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.40; 1 lb. \$2.40; 5 lbs. \$11.25; 10 lbs. \$20.00; 25 lbs. \$47.50. Postpaid.

from Maine to California from Texas to Michigan, growers say:



CALIFORNIA—Twilley's Marketer Cucumber is tops on the Los Angeles Market.

MAINE—Your seed made a good crop in a very dry season, and showed vigor of growth.

MICHIGAN—We like your seed very much; they are very productive and of fine quality.

TEXAS—Your Rutgers tomato produced one of the finest crops in the Lower Valley.

Superior Summer Squash

EARLY PROLIFIC

Straightneck Squash



EARLINESS Matures about ten days earlier than other strains of Straightneck squash.

HIGH YIELD More productive than other strains of Summer Straightneck. It produces more fruits to the plant. Since it sets faster than other strains more of the crop can be sold on the early market.

FRUITS More smooth, much more uniform and brighter yellow color than other strains.

The fruits grow very straight. There is not a trace of green color even in the very young fruit.

MARKET QUALITIES Considered by both northern and southern growers as the best ever developed for market. Our seed is very true to type.

You may give it a thorough trial alongside any seed you are now using.

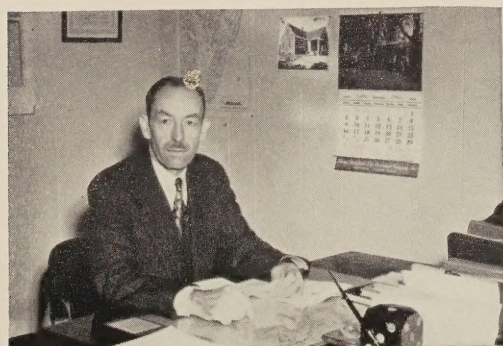
625 EARLY PROLIFIC STRAIGHTNECK SQUASH
—Pkt. 10c; oz. 20c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 50c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c; 1 lb. \$1.50,
5 lbs. \$1.48 per lb.; 10 lbs. \$1.45 per lb.

EARLY WHITE BUSH—50 days. Also called "Cymling" or Patty Pan. This strain has about double the meat of other scalloped squashes because there is no depression around the stem, almost complete absence of scallops, and very deep from stem to blossom end. Exceptionally prolific plants, creamy white fruits. 626—Pkt. 10; oz. 20c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 50c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c; 1 lb. \$1.50; 5 lbs. \$7.25; 10 lbs. \$14.00.

EARLY YELLOW CROOKNECK—55 days. About one week earlier than the old Summer Crookneck. Plants are very prolific; fruits curved at the neck, light yellow, and moderately covered with warts. Our customers like this strain; some of them winning prizes at state fairs with it. 627—Pkt. 10c; oz. 20c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 50c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c; 1 lb. \$1.50; 5 lbs. \$7.25; 10 lbs. \$14.00.

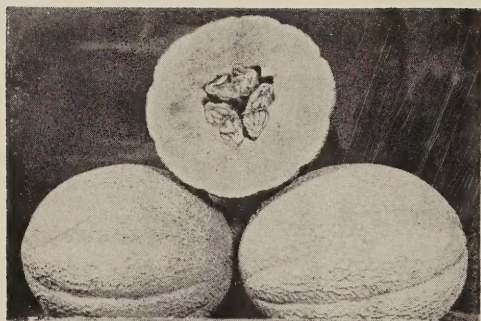
A Friendly Message to Our Customers

This catalog is sent you in friendliness. I am very proud that you have always shown so much confidence in Twilley's Seed. Your confidence is causing our business to increase very rapidly.



The seed business is my life and work. As a small boy I took great delight in my flower and vegetable garden. By the time I was fifteen I had won a great many first prizes for exhibits at county and state fairs. It has been my good fortune to personally sell seed from the Florida Everglades to the market garden sections of New England, from New Jersey to the important vegetable growing sections of the Midwest. It is a real pleasure to personally know so many of you.

Otho S. Twilley



Golden Delight First Offered in 1952

Golden Delight has appearance and quality similar to Pride of Wisconsin or Queen of Colorado, but is earlier and larger. The melons are elongated. The salmon flesh is very thick, with one of the best flavors of any melon in its class. It has an attractive greyish-green netting, with almost indistinct ribbing. Shows outstanding ability to produce high quality under adverse weather conditions. An outstanding melon for local market use, but not recommended for long distance shipping.

Pkt. 15c; Oz. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$1.00; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.75; lb. \$3.00. Postpaid.

Benders Surprise Cantaloupe (A. J. Northan Strain)

A friend, as a hobby, for 18 years, has selected a strain of Benders Surprise for extra large size and superior quality. He gave me a sample, and we grew a little seed this year. For large size and superior quality, this strain is all my friend claimed. However, we found that some of the melons have a slight netting somewhat like Hales Best. We really thought this added much to the appearance of the large fruits. If you want to try a strain of Benders that has large size, and superior quality, and which has the promise of your selecting out of it a strain of Bender that might develop a netting somewhat like Hales Best, you may want to try some of this strain. We thought that the fruits held up a little longer than most Bender strains.

PRICES—Pkt. 15c; Oz. 35c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 90c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.50; lb. \$2.75. Postpaid.



O. I. C. Cantaloupe First Offered in 1954

A cross between Hales Best, Hearts of Gold and Honey Dew made over twenty years ago by O. I. Cordrey of Salisbury, Md. Has made money ever since for local farmers.

Good points: early, excellent quality, even when other varieties have little flavor due to poor growing conditions or wet weather. Salmon or pink flesh. Beautiful golden appearance over all the melon. Takes at sight on markets where it is known because of sweet flavor. Inclined to crack during wet weather like Hearts of Gold; is a medium to smaller size melon, but we will select for larger size. The quality so good that if you retail your melons we think this variety worth a trial to find if it has a place in your melon production.

Prices: Pkt. 15c; oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 80c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.45; 1 lb. \$2.50. Postpaid.

Strawberry Watermelon (New) Unique Color and Flavor

Two years ago a customer sent us a sample of watermelon seed which he and his neighbors grow for home use because of its good quality. He stated this variety is not offered by any seedsman. It is a new melon to us. The flesh is the color of strawberry, and the first taste or two is frequently like strawberry. This is the most juicy melon we ever had in trial. Small size, oblong shape like Blacklee. The rind is green striped, much like Congo, but darker green. Good quality, and fine textured flesh.

However, the sample sent us was not trued up, and considerable of the melons grow, look, and taste exactly like Coker or Garrison, and can be sold for Garrisons. But if you want a novelty melon that has unique interior color, good flavor, and is the most juicy of all, you may want to try Strawberry Watermelon.

Pkt. 15c; Oz. 30c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 80c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.45; lb. \$2.50; 5lbs. \$11.00. Postpaid.

Manalucie Tomato (New) Resistant to Seven Diseases

Manalucie was released in 1953 by the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station. It is resistant to fusarium wilt, gray leafspot, early blight (shoeshank and collar rot caused by the same fungus) and leaf mold, say Dr. James M. Walter and David G. A. Kelbert, who handled recent development work.

We grew our first seed crop of Manalucie in 1953. Just as we started to pick a second time a hurricane came up the coast from Bermuda, stripped the plants of most of their leaves, and dumped nearly ten inches of rain on the field. We would have settled for two tons to the acre. Imagine our surprise when we picked over ten tons to the acre, and still more to our surprise, we seldom found a cracked tomato, even when we picked them out of the mud. The fruits were as solid as if the hurricane had never hit, and rich red in color.

We liked this variety so well for high yield, smooth round, crack free fruits under most unfavorable growing conditions, that we think every tomato grower should make a trial of it. If it does anything like it did for us in your section, it will win your favor. Large and vigorous plants, season and shape of fruits like Rutgers. With us it never produced any rough fruits, seldom any cracks. And it surely proved it can yield.

PRICES: Pkt. 20c; Oz. 80c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$2.50; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$4.50; lb. \$3.00. Postpaid.